

### **REMARKS**

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2005. Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, Claims 1, 4-6, 8-12, 15-17 and 19-24 have been amended. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by this amendment. In view of the amendments above and the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

### **Specification**

In the Office Action, the abstract of the disclosure was objected to because of the use of phrases that can be implied (“are disclosed”, line 1, “disclosed”, line 3). By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been amended as shown in the enclosed Replacement Abstract in a manner which is believed to overcome the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to because blank lines should be replaced with the appropriate information. By means of the present amendment, the blank lines have been replaced with the appropriate information in a manner which is believed to overcome the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

**35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 16, 17, 19-21, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,493,744 (hereinafter Emmens).

Emmens is directed to an automatic method to provide a rating and filtering method that blocks objectionable content of a file while allowing access to remaining inoffensive portions of the file. (See Emmens at Col. 2, lines 46-49).

The method of Emmens is disclosed at Col. 5, lines 5-15, wherein a raw data file is pre-processed to generate semantic units (e.g., words, phrases, parts of an image) which are compared with a rating repository which contains entries related to the semantic units and content rating vectors (CRVs) associated with each entry. The content rating vectors being assigned to the semantic units based on the comparison. In a final step, the system creates a modified data file incorporating information derived from CRVs.

Further support for the assertion that Emmens creates a modified data file is found in the Summary at Col. 2, lines 63-67 through Col. 3, lines 1-8, wherein it is stated:

These objects and advantages are attained by a computer-implemented method for rating a raw data file for objectionable content. The method occurs in a distributed computer system and comprises the steps of preprocessing the raw data file to create semantic units representative of the semantic content of the raw data file, comparing the semantic units with a rating repository comprising semantic entries and corresponding ratings, assigning content rating vectors to the semantic units, and creating a modified data file incorporating rating information derived from the content rating vectors. After the modified data file is created, either all, some, or none of the file will be displayed by a browser to a user at a client computer. [Emphasis Added]

Independent Claim 1 has been amended herein to better define Applicant's invention over Emmens. Claim 1 now recites limitations and/or features which are not disclosed by Emmens.

Claim 1 as amended herein recites:

A method for preventing a user from obtaining an unmodified electronic media object from one of a local or remote source, comprising the acts of:  
analyzing at least one of audio and image information associated with said electronic media object; and  
preventing a user from obtaining said unmodified electronic media object if said comparing step determines that said unmodified electronic media object contains one or more predefined inappropriate content items.

Emmens does not disclose or suggest preventing a user from obtaining an unmodified electronic media object from one of a local or remote source, as recited in Claim 1, as amended. Rather, as disclosed in Emmens at Emmens at Col. 2, lines 46-49, an automatic rating and filtering method is provided that blocks objectionable content of a file while allowing access to remaining inoffensive portions of the file. The remaining inoffensive portions of the file constitute the modified data file which incorporates rating information derived from the content rating vectors.

It is respectfully submitted that at least the limitations and/or features of independent Claim 1 is believed to be patentably distinct over Emmens. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6 and 8-10 depend from independent Claim 1 and therefore contain the limitations of Claim 1 and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons given for Claim 1 above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and allowance of Claims 5, 6 and 8-10 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 12 and 23 recite similar subject matter as Claim 1 and therefore contain the limitations of Claim 1. Hence, for at least the same reasons given for Claim 1, Claims 12 and 23 are believed to recite statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of independent claims 12 and 23 be withdrawn, and independent claims 12 and 23 be allowed.

Claims {16, 17, 19-21, 23} and 24 depend from independent Claims 12 and 23, respectively, and therefore contain the limitations of Claims 12 and 23 and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons given for Claim 12 and 23 above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and allowance of Claims {16, 17, 19-21, 23} and 24 is respectfully requested.

### **35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Dependent Claims 2-4 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmens in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,832,212 (hereinafter Cragun).

Claims 2-4 and 13-15 depend from Claims 1 and 12, respectively, and therefore includes the limitations of Claims 1 and 12, respectively. Accordingly, for the same reasons given above for Claims 1 and 12, Claims 2-4 and 13-15 are believed to contain patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections with respect to Claims 2-4 and 13-15 and allowance of Claims 2-4 and 13-15 is respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 7 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmens in view of Forsyth (“Identifying nude pictures”).

Claims 7 and 18 depend from Claims 1 and 12, respectively, and therefore includes the limitations of Claims 1 and 12, respectively. Accordingly, for the same reasons given above for Claims 1 and 7, Claims 7 and 18 are believed to contain patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections with respect to Claims 7 and 18 and allowance of Claims 7 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 11 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmens as applied to claims 1 and 12 above, and further in view of PR Newswire (“WorldLink Announces New Product for Broadcasting Audio and Video”).

Claims 11 and 22 depend from Claims 1 and 12, respectively, and therefore includes the limitations of Claims 1 and 12, respectively. Accordingly, for the same reasons given above for Claims 1 and 12, Claims 11 and 22 are believed to contain patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections with respect to Claims 11 and 22 and allowance of Claims 11 and 22 is respectfully requested.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-24 are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

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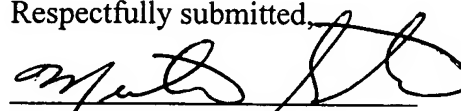
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If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Dicron Halajian, Esq., Intellectual Property Counsel, Philips Electronics North America, at 914-333-9607.

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